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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.
Serial No.: 09/715,714
Filing Date: 11/17/2000
For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT
LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed July 3, 2002, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 3, 2002 to December 3, 2002

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

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In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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